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To the Selectboard and Management Town of Jericho, Vermont

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Jericho, Vermont, for the year ended June 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated November 21, 2013. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

## Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Town changed accounting policies by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This standard complements Statement No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities and Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. The application of other existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Town during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate(s) affecting the Town's financial statements were:

• Management's estimates of the useful lives of capital assets and for bad debt expense are based on historical experience and common practice. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimated lives and the bad debt allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

• The disclosure of a prior period adjustment due to the implementation of GASB Statement 68 in Note 10 to the financial statements is particularly sensitive because it reconciles beginning net position to the prior year audited financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

We proposed one audit adjustment to your financial statements which were accepted and recorded by management. It was to correct the posting of the grants receivable. We also assisted the Treasurer in posting two year end entries, one to adjust the deferred taxes and one to correctly record the town's purchase of a property at tax sale.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, which could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 10, 2015.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's

auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

## Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the management discussion and analysis and the pension-related schedules presented on Schedule 3, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on supplementary information, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

## Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Selectboard and management of the Town of Jericho, Vermont, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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